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SUBJECT: SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA DISPUTE: NYERERE EXPRESSES "GRAVE
CONCERN" ABOUT HORN TO 21 JANUARY WASHINGTON MEETING ON SUBJECT

1. FORNMINISTRY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKI MORNING OF 21
JANUARY SUMMONED TO HIS OFFICE HEADS AND ACTING HEADS OF MISSION
OF US, UK, FRANCE, FRG AND ITALY. NYAKI OPENED MEETING WITH
OBSERVATION THAT IT IS UNUSUAL TO CALL SUCH A JOINT MEETING,
ESPECIALLY AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE, BUT THAT HE HAD UNUSUALLY
IMPORTANT REASON. HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM
PRESIDENT NYERERE (WHO FOR SEVERAL WEEKS HAS BEEN RESTING AT
HOME VILLAGE OF BUTIAMA SOME 500 MILES FROM DAR). NYERERE
HAD HEARD RADIO BROADCAST ABOUT FORTHCOMING MEETING IN WASHINGTON
OF OFFICIALS OF US, UK, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND ITALY IN
RELATION TO PROBLEMS IN HORN (STATE 016816). NYERERE WANTED
NYAKI TO HAVE US CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO OUR HOME
GOVERNMENTS:

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- A. ETHIOPIA IS THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION IN THIS CASE;
- B. NYERERE HOPES MEETING IN WASHINGTON WILL "TAKE THIS
FACT INTO ACCOUNT
";
- C. NYERERE WANTS HOST GOVERNMENTS TO KNOW OF TANGOV'S

"VERY GRAVE CONCERN" ABOUT THE MATTER. I ASKED IF I SHOULD QUOTE THOSE WORDS, AND NYAKI SAID YES.

2. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED NYAKI HOW PROBLEM OF HORN COULD BE DEALT WITH AT THIS STAGE. NYAKI REPLIED THAT TANGOV FOR ITS PART WOULD NOT GIVE SOMALIA ARMS IF ASKED, AND HOPED THOSE MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON SUBJECT WOULD NOT DO SO EITHER. (NOTE: I REMINDED NYAKI OF RECENT STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS STATEMENTS ON THAT QUESTION WHICH WERE REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, AND PROMISED TO SEND HIM A COPY.) ITALIAN AMBASSADOR NEXT ASKED IF REPORTS ABOUT RECENTLY-ESCALATED SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA AFFECT TANGOV'S REQUEST TO OTHERS NOT TO AID SOMALIA. NYAKI CHOSE TO INTERPRET QUESTION AS BEING ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN COMBAT, AND SAID TANGOV HAD NO EVIDENCE OF THAT. WHEN I ASKED IF NYAKI WOULD CARE TO REACT TO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION ABOUT TANGOV REACTION IF IT HAD EVIDENCE OF SUCH INVOLVEMENT, NYAKI REPLIED THAT ETHIOPIANS HAVE RULED THAT OUT BY SAYING "WE ARE CAPABLE OF FIGHTING OUR OWN WARS." NYAKI THEN SAID: "LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT."

3. CHARGE NOT ANXIOUS TO OVERLOAD HIS PLATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FORNMINISTER MKAPA AND NYERERE 23 JANUARY (DAR ES SALAAM 222 NOTAL AND STATE 15409 NOTAL). REASONABLE TO EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT QUESTIONS ABOUT WASHINGTON MEETING ON HORN WILL COME UP, EVEN IF MEETING NOT YET HELD. THUS, REQUEST CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS NIACT IMMEDIATE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BUTIAMA
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EARLY MORNING 23JANUARY. TALKING POINTS SHOULD ADDRESS GENERAL PURPOSE OF WASHINGTON MEETING AND NYAKI'S (AND WE ASSUME NYERERE'S) PARTICULAR POINT ABOUT SUPPLYING ARMS TO SOMALIA.
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